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School Growth Plan 2011-2012

Throughout the school our teachers will be focused on working with students to develop their skills in using a variety of strategies to solve mathematical problems as well as developing their skills in responding to literacy tasks through the use of critical thinking activities. Our staff and students will work together to write down and post the criteria for these activities by which they will know if they are successful in “hitting the target” for achievement when completing their assignments. Teachers will be asking students questions with the intent of having them reflect on their work and learning, which will lead to a deepening understanding of the subject being taught. Teachers will meet regularly through the year to review the progress of their students and share instructional strategies that have been most effective. Some lessons will be co-taught by two teachers which will lead to follow up discussions between teachers about which strategies are proving to be most effective in teaching their students. Teachers will also be working to deepen their own skills in scaffolding learning for children, working with students in small groups and giving effective feedback to students so that they know what needs to be done to improve their work over the course of the year.

Picture Retakes

The school photographer will be here on Wednesday November 9th for retakes. Photographs will be taken at 9:15 a.m. Afternoon Kindergarten students are asked to come at this time if retakes are required.

Progress Reports

The fall progress report card has several features that will facilitate better communication among parents, teachers and students, encourage students to set goals, and assist parents in supporting learning at home.

The fall progress report card places a strong emphasis on the development of student's learning skills and work habits. Students' achievement of six learning skills and habits will be shown on the front page of the progress report card. These are: responsibility, organization, independent work, collaboration, initiative and self-regulation. The development of these skills and habits will be reported as "excellent", "good", "satisfactory" or "needs improvement" and a large space is provided for teacher comments about students' strengths and areas for improvement.

The fall progress report card indicates for parents how well their children are progressing in all the subjects and provides an early indication of those subjects where the student may need additional help. For each subject teachers will check whether the students are (1) Progressing With Difficulty (2) Progressing Well or (3) Progressing Very Well.



Progress Reports for students in Senior Kindergarten to Grade 8, will be sent home on Tuesday, November 15th .

Parent-Teacher Interviews - November 16th

Parent conferences will be conducted in the evening on Wednesday, November 16th. Further information regarding the scheduling of these interviews will be sent home soon. We hope to meet with as many parents as possible at this time. If you are not available to attend on November 16th please feel free to contact your child's teacher to arrange a time to discuss your child's progress.

Student Council

Congratulations to the following students who were elected by their peers. We look forward to their leadership.

Prime Minister: Matthew Stickle

Secretary: Erica Wilson

Deputy Prime Minister: Brooke Casey

Treasurer: Bryce Morgan

What's Happening at Woodend?

The DSBN is working to transform the Outdoor Environmental Education Centre at Woodend into a Living Campus. The current facilities will be transformed and expanded to create an environment that will empower generations of students, through exploration and discovery, to develop a connection to the earth and understand their responsibility for and impact on it. They will be replacing the old garage (which currently serves as a classroom) with two new innovative, interactive classrooms, that will provide space for more students to experience learning from nature. The new Living Campus will also include indoor washroom facilities and an outdoor classroom.

It is an exciting project that will bring numerous benefits to all students of the DSBN for generations to come.

School Advisory Council

The next meeting is **Tuesday, November 29th at 6:30 p.m.** in the library. All parents are welcome to attend SAC meetings.

We still have room to accept several more members to our Council. If you are interested in joining the Council as a member a nomination form is available at the office.



Waste Free Wednesdays

ECO NEWS

Eco-Team leaders and Mrs. Perri Tornabuono attended the 2nd Annual DSBN Elementary School Eco-Summit on October 28 at the DSBN School Support Services in NOTL. Each Eco-Team had the opportunity to share eco initiatives with other teams from other schools. The Eco-Team also attended various workshops presented by the Region of Niagara, Sassafras Farms, and CommonPlace Eco-Village. Further eco initiatives will be presented to our school community in the near future.



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Eco Team

Internet access to our Library catalogue

We are pleased to announce that DSBN Libraries are now providing at home, 24/7 digital access to the school library catalogue.

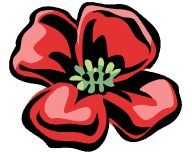
By connecting to the following website, <http://destiny.dsbn.org> and clicking on your school name, you will have full access to the resources available in your school's library. Students are able to view the entire library collection, along with a brief synopsis of every resource and additional features such as student-created reviews.

In addition, Destiny Quest will allow you to easily find the newest library purchases and a list of the Top Ten most popular materials among library patrons.

We hope that you will find DSBN Destiny Library Manager to be helpful when completing assignments or when exploring library materials for leisure reading. This is just one more way that we are achieving success together through access to our school library collections!

Remembrance Day

Our Primary division will be conducting a special program for the whole school to help our students understand the significance of this important day. We will be holding our assembly on Friday, November 11th starting at 10:30 a.m. Poppies have been made available at the school. Any donations for the Legion are appreciated. Parents and grandparents, as always, are welcome to join us!



GLYNN A. GREEN SPIRIT WEAR NOW AVAILABLE TO ORDER ON-LINE

Are you interested in ordering a Glynn A. Green shirt, hoody or sweatpants? Check out the link on our website from Front Row Marketing to order newly designed Glynn A. Green spirit-wear. Orders must be placed by November 22nd. Delivery will take place before Christmas (by December 19th).

What is up with all those moustaches?

If you walk into the school during the month of November you may be asking “Why are all the men growing moustaches?” The answer is that Mr. L’Ecuyer has recruited, once again, a team for “Movember.” That is the growing of a moustache in the month of November to raise awareness for prostate cancer. If you would like more information go to the website www.prostatecancer.com. Should you wish to support the Glynn A. Green team and make a donation toward cancer research you may do so at the website ca.movember.com and look up the team under the name of the “Verde Hombres”.



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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	1 Day 9	2 Day 10 Waste Free Day	3 Day 1	4 Day 2 Creative Oratory gr. 4-6 11:15 in gym
7 Day 3	8 Day 4	9 Day 5 Waste Free Day	10 Day 6 Pizza Day	11 Day 7 Remembrance Day
14 Day 8	15 Day 9	16 Day 10 Waste Free Day	17 Day 1 Lunch Lady day Jr/Int Art Gallery	18 Day 2 Jr/Int Art Gallery
21 Day 3	22 Day 4	23 Day 5 Gr. 8 Gardasil Waste Free Day	24 Day 6 Crossley Grade 8 Day Pita Day	25 Day 7 Superhero Day
28 Day 8	29 Day 9	30 Day 10 Waste Free Day		

Book Fair—December 6th to 8th

BOOK FAIR PARENT VOLUNTEER

Please indicate 1st, 2nd, and 3rd choice.

	TUESDAY December 6	WEDNESDAY December 7	THURSDAY December 8
MORNING 8:45-10:35			
MIDDAY 11:05 – 12:55			
AFTERNOON 1:35 – 3:25			
AFTER SCHOOL Literacy Event (Pizza and a juice will be included for you, on this shift.) <small>*P.S. If you need to bring your children, please let me know.</small>		3:25 – 5:00 4:55 – 6:35	

Please return this form to Madame Goulet-Kozar by Thursday November 24.

Scholastic Book Fair

Volunteers Needed! Interested ?

Call the school at (905) 892-3821

and leave your name, phone number, child's name and classroom.

Book Fair Dates: **December 6 to December 8.**

Thank you !